

and at the FBI. After signing onto a firm for a span of his career he was appointed to a Common Pleas Bench in 1995 which propelled him to his eventual election onto the Ohio 6th District Court of Appeals Bench in 2012 where he ended his career honorably.

His professional career was studded with honor and recognition of his valor and kind disposition. Just last month Judge Jensen was honored with the 2020 Thomas J. Moyer Award for Judicial Excellence, a high regard and an honor well deserved.

Judge Jensen exemplified passion in his legal tenure and is remembered by his peers as an authority on law like no other. He is remembered to have coined the phrase, "I'd rather be right than affirmed". These words, often delivered in passing, reflect his sharpened deliberate demeanor on the courts and in his life.

Jensen's humility and joy in life were manifested with every court ruling, peer interaction, and opportunity to advocate for justice. He was commended for his quiet and intentional command of the court room, in delivering justice with a temperament that was even, consistent, and memorable.

Judge Jensen is survived by a loving family that continues his legacy of kindness and determined intelligence. His children, Tracy, Tammy, Tim, Dean, and Tyler look forward having a path of educational and professional achievement paved by their father.

Judge James Jensen's impact on the Toledo community as well our legal system as whole is nothing less than immeasurable. His memory and his stature will be remembered all, and especially those lucky enough to call him friend.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF JULIE PIERCE

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of an esteemed leader in Contra Costa County, Julie Pierce.

Julie began her career as a public servant in 1987 when she was appointed to the City of Clayton Planning Commission. In 1992, Julie was elected to the Clayton City Council, where she has served ever since, including in the roles of Mayor and Vice Mayor. During her tenure on the Council, Julie has worked to improve the lives of current and future residents of Clayton by protecting open spaces, advocating for residential and business planning and development, and fostering a sense of community.

In addition to her work on the Council, Julie has been an active member of regional organizations that support the larger Bay Area, in-

cluding the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), where has previously served as both President and Vice President. Julie's work has been instrumental in advancing initiatives that focus on the growth of the Bay Area, including closing the wage gap. She has also been a delegate of the California Council of Governments, Commissioner of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority, and Commissioner of the Transportation Partnership and Cooperation. Furthermore, Julie was an integral part of the Shaping Our Future initiative, which addressed housing, jobs, and transportation in Contra Costa County.

Julie Pierce is known by her colleagues as a dedicated and effective leader and I have enjoyed our many years of working together. Please join me in thanking Julie for her service to our County and wishing her the best in her retirement.

HONORING BISHOP ARTHUR JOSEPH SERRATELLI

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli for his commitment to spread the word of God in the City of Paterson and beyond. May we all admire his relationship with God and remember his spiritual leadership as he retires from the Diocese of Paterson. Born in Newark, New Jersey on April 18, 1944, to Pio Serratelli and Eva Fasolino, Bishop Serratelli is a native son of our great State of New Jersey, and I am proud of his service to the people of the Ninth Congressional District.

A learned man with many accomplishments as an academic, Bishop Serratelli is the recipient of a undergraduate degree from Seton Hall University in 1965, a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Gregorian University in 1969, a Licentiate in Sacred Scripture from the Biblical Institute in 1976, and a doctorate in Sacred Theology from the Gregorian University in 1977.

Ordained to the priesthood on December 20, 1968 in St. Peter's Basilica by Bishop Francis Reh, Bishop Serratelli would start his journey as a theologian serving one year as parochial vicar at St. Anthony Parish in Belleville. He would also expand further and teach Systematic Theology at Immaculate Conception Seminary for two years before returning to Rome to complete his education.

Prior to his appointment on July 6, 2004 to the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, Arthur Serratelli was Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, Regional Bishop for Essex County, and Vicar General for the Apostolates. Bishop Serratelli has also assumed various leadership roles throughout our community.

Most recently, Bishop Serratelli was Chairman of the International Committee on English in the Liturgy and co-chair of the Vatican's International Dialogue with the Baptist World Alliance. Additionally, Arthur was also a member of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments with the Vatican. Arthur is also currently on the Board of Directors for the Catholic Relief Services, Board of Trustees at Assumption College for Sisters and on the Board of Regents and Board of Trustees with Seton Hall University.

Bishop Serratelli has been with the City of Paterson for nearly sixteen years providing the people of my district with his exemplary religious service. Our churches are among the most important social institutions in our nation, offering spiritual guidance, solace and communal bonding to people across a wide spectrum of our land. An active church can be the glue that binds a community together, it can help to steer youth in the right direction, and it can offer hope where there is trouble. I am so grateful for Bishop Arthur Serratelli's stewardship and care for the Silk City.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to working with and recognizing the efforts of individuals like Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, friends, family, and the residents of New Jersey in recognizing Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli for his outstanding work, as we celebrate his years of distinguished service to the people of the Ninth Congressional District.

IN HONOR OF ROBERT H. WASHBURN

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert H. Washburn of Huntingdon County for his service in the United States Army. Robert is an outstanding Pennsylvanian, and I am grateful for his service to our nation, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and our community.

In Pennsylvania and across the country, our veterans have served and sacrificed for Americans' freedom and our values. They answered the call to serve and fight for us—at a great cost. Truly, our veterans are the best of America.

In Congress, it is my privilege—and my responsibility—to stand up for those who have served our country in uniform, as well as to recognize these brave Americans. As a nation, we are indebted to them. On behalf of the 13th Congressional District, I thank Robert for his service to our nation and our community.